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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist **RECEIVED**  
Serial No. : 09/553,137 **FEB 14 2002**  
Filing Date : April 19, 2000 **GROUP 3600**  
For : GAS GENERATING MATERIAL  
FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT  
PROTECTION DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3641  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(b)**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, of page  
3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present invention is an apparatus comprising an  
inflatable vehicle occupant protection device and a gas  
generating material that, when ignited, produces gas to  
inflate the inflatable vehicle occupant protection device.

The gas generating material comprises a polyurethane